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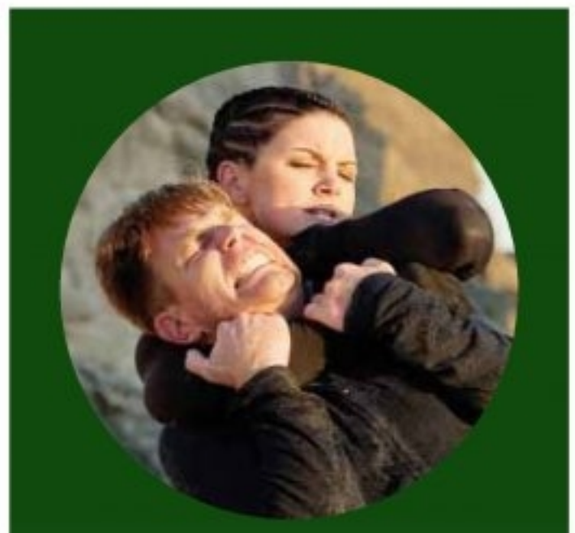

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Vietnam veteran beaten in another random attack

Detectives scouring Olney after another brutal beating by small gang of teens Victim, who lost an eye in Vietnam War, was walking to meet wife

PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

▶ This group of teens is suspected in the beating of a Vietnam veteran.

Police were honing in on six teens caught on camera Tuesday evening brutally assaulting a 64-year-old Vietnam veteran in Olney.

The victim, whose identity is being withheld at the request of police, was walking on the 5000 block of North Fifth Street shortly after 6 p.m. when he passed a group of six teens traveling in the opposite direction. After walking by the man, one of the teenagers turned, ran back up behind him and hit him, causing him to drop. Two or three more teens piled on, punching and kicking him.

Lt. George McClay of Northwest Detectives said that the beating appeared unplanned and, given its severity, he was surprised the man, who works for the Veterans Administration, survived.

"They picked a guy that was walking down the street minding his own business — going to pick his wife up at the bus stop — and these animals decided they were going to attack him for no reason," he said. "They broke his orbitals and broke his skull for no reason whatsoever."

Businesses and residents of the corridor expressed concerns about an increasing tide of violence. "I was surprised, but not surprised," Thomas Jones, owner of Foot Fetish Clothing and Apparel, said. "I've seen other owners leave, get robbed and killed. ... You never know what to expect when you come around here."

"I went away to school for four years, and it seems like every time I come home, it gets worse," said Kiara Williams, 20, who lives in the house directly behind where the assault occurred. "I feel like maybe the youth around here need more guidance."

"We got a lot of tips already, so we're looking for more, but we've still got to put it all together."
LT. GEORGE McCLAY

Investigators are asking for the neighborhood's help, though they have already received an outpouring of support, including a $1,000 reward from the Fraternal Order of Police.

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Police 'getting there' in finding alleged attackers

Investigators are looking for a group of six black and possibly Hispanic males between the ages of 15 and 18. One was wearing an orange hoodie and jeans.

As of press time, Northwest Detectives were interviewing several witnesses and expected to identify the suspects soon. "We have witnesses," McClay said. "We're getting there. We're putting the pieces together and getting a lot of help from the public. A lot of people are calling us."

They released surveillance video of the attack Thursday that shows the suspects talking to one another and laughing immediately before the assault. METRO

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▶ The process of fracking is the ire of many environmentalists.

Shale gas no 'bridge fuel'

PENNSYLVANIA. Natural gas extracted from shale is not suitable as a "bridge fuel," according to a new report released yesterday, which found the growing energy industry may worsen climate change.

Findings predict the natural gas industry will grow to about 23 percent of the total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in the next 20 years, up from 17 percent currently. The biggest culprit appears to be methane — far more of a powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide — which is released in the controversial process.

The 20-year time frame is important, the report titled "Venting and Leaking of Methane from Shale Gas Development" claims because it may well be the timing for a "tipping point" for climate change. MALIK CHARLTON

In the news

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A federal reward offered by the city in yet another criminal investigation, the North Philadelphia murder of Alexander Martinez, 23, during a robbery Jan. 9. It's the third case this week that the city has offered a reward for arrests. METRO

In the news

'Snow' will fall

The region may see this winter's first measurable snowfall this weekend, if by meaningful you mean 1.6 inches — at the most. The precipitation is likely to begin after 1 a.m. Saturday and turn into a wintry mix Saturday evening, according to the National Weather Service. METRO/AW

Paramedics' union rights restored

PHILADELPHIA. Local 22, the union representing city firefighters and paramedics, hailed a decision by the Commonwealth Court this week that reversed a decision last fall by the city's labor relations board to remove paramedics from the union.

The paramedics, who were the subject of much of a harsh report released Thursday on the culture within the city fire department, are now once again considered full members of Local 22 and able to be part of the collective bargaining process. METRO

City dept. cited for lax oversight

PHILADELPHIA. An audit of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities Services released Thursday found the department did not comply with some grant requirements and was lax in monitoring employees' breaks and overtime, according to the City Controller's Office. METRO

Gunfire injures woman

HUNTING PARK. A woman is in critical condition after she was shot by someone who was either cleaning or playing with their gun Wednesday night, witnesses told police.

Authorities responded to a house on the 4200 block of North Darien Street at about 9 p.m. to find the victim unresponsive with a single gunshot wound. METRO

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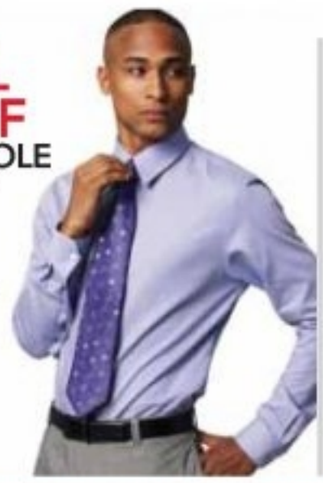

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Tradition of saving spaces gets fresh take

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▶ "Where you are, where I am, where we'd like to be," by Jebney Lewis & Maria Moller, is part of a new exhibit at the Esther Klein Gallery.

Some neighborhoods sport rusty beach chairs. Others, "borrowed" traffic cones or toppled trash cans. Occasionally, you spy the more exotic broom-in-bucket combo. All resourceful and effective, sure, but there's usually very little art in the highly controversial practice of claiming a parking spot.

Now on view at University City's Esther Klein Gallery, The Space Savers Project is looking to change that — or at least get us talking about the strange and storied practice — by having local artists design alternative savers, from oversized papier-mache sneakers to interactive installations.

"We wanted to imagine the actual physical experience of what a space-saver is and what happens when the car leaves the space to go to the Acme or Home Depot or wherever," says South Philly–based photographer and theater artist Maria Moller, who along with Jebney Lewis created a playful installation that allows the viewer to take a seat and listen to the car's thoughts.

If you go

The Space Savers Project is on view at the Esther Klein Gallery, 3600 Market St., through Feb. 5.

Stop by Friday (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) to share your own space-saving nightmares and victories at the reception.

"There's this futility of saving a space for going to the Acme," Moller explained. "We thought the car would rather go to the mountains, that it was longing for something more exciting."

Like Moller, Chris Landau won't go on the record as condoning the Philly tradition. But when designing his piece, "Table," he wanted to honor some of the traditional, tried-and-true space-saver materials: buckets, recycling bins and an unhinged door. "Space-savers are often dysfunctional — they have the function to save a space, but while they're there they don't serve a purpose," he says.

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Horse trainer charged in equine deaths

HARRISBURG. A Chester County woman is reportedly charged with taking in horses under the guise of a rescuer, but selling them for slaughter.

Kelsey Lefever, 24, allegedly assured owners of former racehorses that she would find them good homes in May, but instead sold them at a Lancaster County auction where they were purchased by a buyer who brings horses

▶ Lefever

to slaughter, according to reports.

Lefever was charged in November with theft by deception and deceptive business practices. **METRO**

Porn allegedly falls from walls

NEW JERSEY. A man is under arrest after child pornography allegedly fell from the ceiling onto firefighters attempting to extinguish a blaze at his Eagleswood Township home, according to reports.

They reportedly found the porn stash as they were pulling sheetrock from the walls to ensure the fire was put out, causing the images to drop.

The architecture professor at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., Gamal El-Zoghby, 76, was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child. **METRO**

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Crime. Downtown robberies

▶ A brazen bandit struck inside this parking lot in December and September, apparently sneaking under the gate as cars entered.

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'Parking lot bandit' strikes once again

A man is targeting female residents of the Marine Club Condominiums and Apartments in a string of parking garage assaults and robberies. In the most recent incident last Thursday, the victim parked on the second floor of the building's garage at Broad and Washington streets shortly before 7 p.m. As she tried to get out of her car, the suspect pushed her back inside and took $100. METRO/AW

Factory jobs in Philly region give hope to '12

Manufacturing in the Philadelphia region expanded at a faster pace in January as employment picked up and factories grew more optimistic about business in the next six months.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's general economic index increased to a three-month high of 7.3 from 6.8 in December, according to a report released Thursday. Economists surveyed forecast the gauge would rise to 10.3. Readings greater than zero indicate expansion in the area covering eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.

Household and business demand, along with leaner inventories, are encouraging factories to bring on more employees and boost hours worked. At the same time, a possible recession in Europe and a weaker euro pose a risk to U.S. manufacturers' overseas sales.

"The U.S. economy should grow moderately, and that would support decent gains in manufacturing," Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors Inc. in Holland, Pennsylvania, said before the report. "How much that will continue is a question, as we really don't know yet the extent of the European downturn."

The Philadelphia-area factory report follows data earlier this week from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York that showed manufacturing in the area expanded in January at the fastest pace in nine months.

The Commerce Department said builders began work on fewer homes in December, reflecting a slump in multi-family unit construction. Home starts dropped 4.1 percent to a 657,000 annual rate. BLOOMBERG

RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Factory jobs are up.

Jobless in decline

Another report today showed jobless claims plunged by 50,000 to 352,000 last week, the lowest level since April 2008, according to Labor Department figures. The decline was the biggest since September 2005, when claims first surged then slumped in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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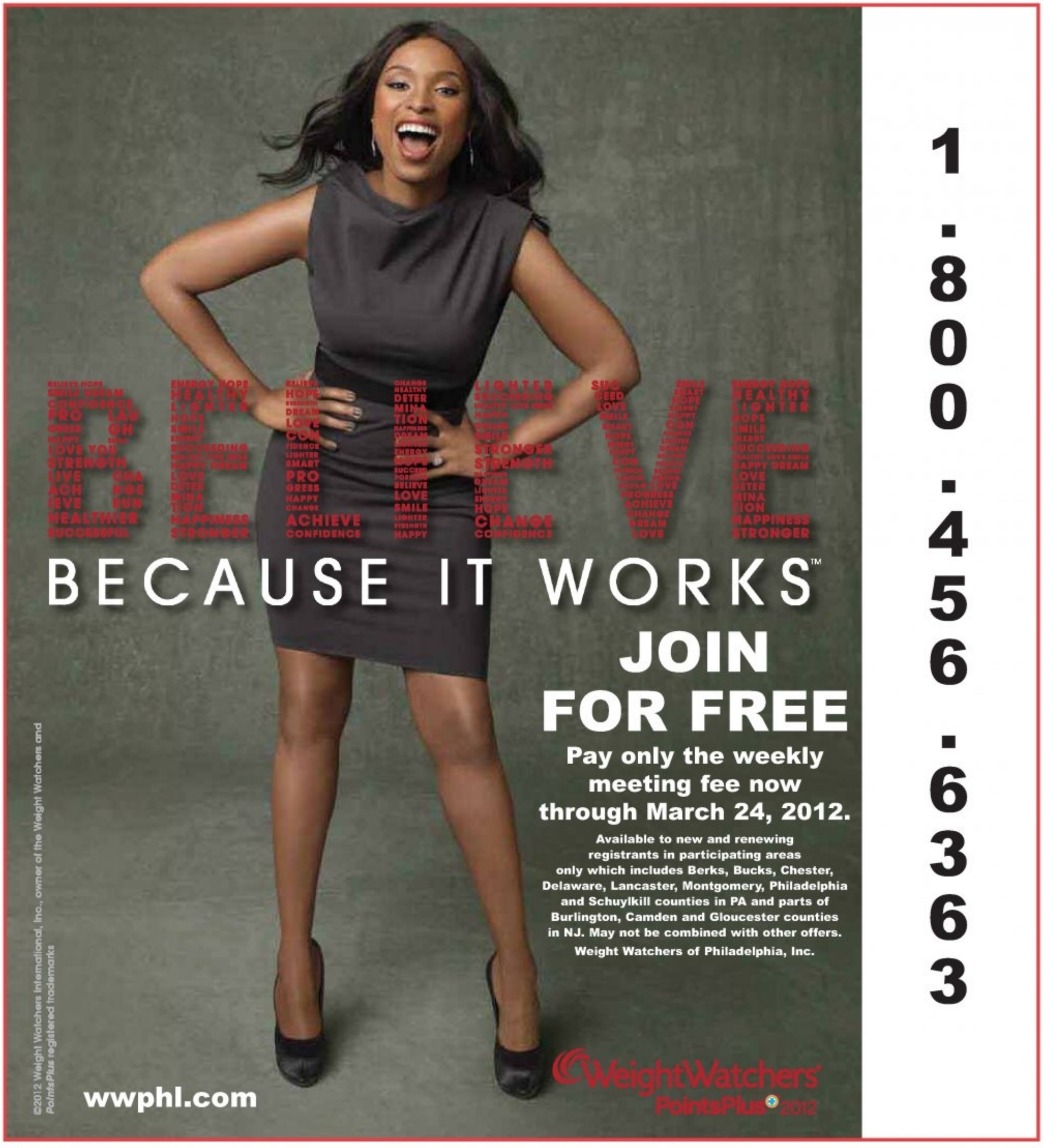
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Newt's ex-wife says he wanted license to cheat

Gingrich's second wife, Marianne, tells ABC he wanted 'open marriage'

Newt Gingrich's second wife, Marianne, said in an interview the Republican presidential candidate asked her to have an "open marriage" during his affair with another woman in the 1990s — a statement that might damage his chances in South Carolina's primary vote.

Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, is rising in the polls ahead of tomorrow's vote in South Carolina. He is campaigning as the conservative alternative to front-runner Mitt Romney.

But thrice-married Gingrich has been attacked by his opponents for having too much personal baggage.

At the time of this potentially harmful request, Gingrich's second wife claims he was in the midst of an affair with congressional aide Callista Bisek — the woman who is now his third wife.

"He was asking to have an open marriage and I refused," she said. The remarks aired on ABC News' Nightline on Thursday.

She has spoken publicly before about Gingrich's behavior during their 18-year marriage, but the timing of the comments to ABC may damage his campaign. **REUTERS**

Naughty grandpa

At an event on Thursday in Beaufort, S.C., Gingrich was asked by a voter about his character.

"I have been very open about the mistakes I've made," Gingrich said. "I am 68 years old. I am a grandfather."

2012. Dropping out

▶ Texas Gov. Rick Perry gives a thumbs-up as he announces his withdrawal from the presidential race. Endorsing Gingrich, he said: "Newt is not perfect, but who among us is?"

ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

Perry thumbs-up, standing down

Texas Gov. Rick Perry dropped out of the race for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination on Thursday after a series of gaffes and controversies undercut the campaign of the one-time frontrunner. He endorsed former rival Newt Gingrich. "I believe Newt is a conservative visionary who can transform our country," Perry told supporters. REUTERS

Santorum won in Iowa, but race is called a tie

▶ But is it too late to matter?

DES MOINES. Former Sen. Rick Santorum won the Jan. 3 Iowa Republican presidential caucuses by a razor-thin margin of 34 votes, according to certified results released on Thursday by the Iowa Republican Party. However, due to missing results from eight precincts, the state GOP has called the vote a tie.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had been declared the winner on the night of the caucuses. Santorum received 29,839 votes, compared with 29,805 for Romney, according to the new figures. Romney had previously been declared the winner by eight votes.

The Iowa caucuses were the first contest in the state-by-state battle for the Republican presidential nomination to face Democratic President Barack Obama on Nov. 6. The caucuses were a quirky contest; voters in the Midwestern state cast ballots at hundreds of public meetings around the state. **REUTERS/METRO**

In tourist state, Obama calls for visa easing

ORLANDO. President Barack Obama on Thursday ordered the streamlining of applications for foreign tourist visas to the United States, focused on increasingly affluent Chinese and Brazilian visitors, in an effort to boost tourism and create jobs.

Obama announced the modest package of reforms at the Disney World theme park in Florida, a state whose economy is heavily dependent on the tourism industry.

The state, closely divided between the two major parties, will be a crucial battleground in November, when Obama faces a re-election vote that may hinge on Americans' perceptions of his handling of the economy. **REUTERS**

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An interesting thing happened this week: By responding positively to Wednesday's anti-SOPA/PIPA Internet blackouts, Republican lawmakers actually made Democrats look like the ones grossly out of touch with mainstream opinion.

The protests — led by such Web behemoths as Google, Wikipedia and Reddit and supported by millions of avid 'net surfers — represented an almost unheard-of effort on the part of "real Americans." According to Google, whose website Wednesday sported a censored doodle and directed visitors to a petition aimed at Congress, 4.5 million people signed to protest legalizing permanent changes to the Internet.

And as the people spoke, at least one party listened. Droves of Republicans retracted support for the bills. Sen. **Rand Paul** promised a filibuster. Tea Party favorite Sen. **Jim DeMint** spoke out against the proposals' danger. Even House Speaker (and perpetual stick-in-the-mud) **John Boehner** ceded the bills' "lack of consensus."

On the other side, stalwart defenders of Mickey Mouse include the predictable cadre of Hollywood beneficiaries. In the Senate, according to Propublica data, the top six recipients of studio donations in 2010 are all Democrats supporting PIPA — like California's **Barbara Boxer,** who claims $571,600 in campaign funds from copyright crusaders for that year alone.

These six senators became $2,640,555 richer in 2010 thanks to the music and entertainment industry. For Democrats, those millions apparently speak louder than millions of American voices.

To be fair, a few Democrats have stopped supporting the controversial bills. But as the entertainment industry threatens **President Obama** with reduced support, we wouldn't expect many others to follow suit.

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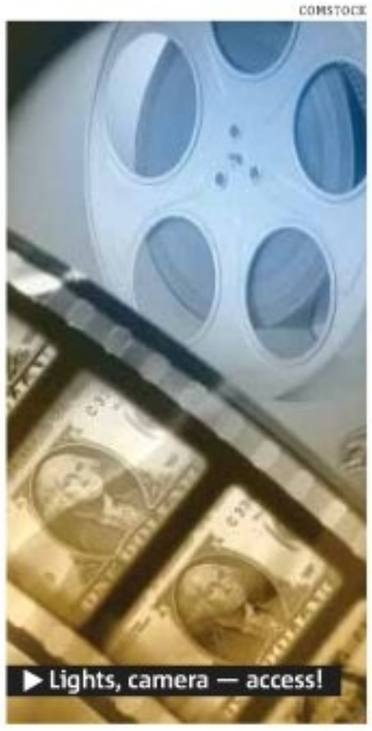

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Wait, what? Republicans stand up for legislative responsibility

"Rushing something with such potential for far-reaching consequences is something I cannot support."

SEN. ORRIN HATCH, (R-U)

SOPA and PIPA are "misguided bills that will cause more harm than good."

SEN. JIM DEMINT (R-S.C.)

Murdoch pays out over hacking, admits cover-up

GETTY IMAGES

▶ The settlements may lift some immediate pressure off the group, as they will prevent lawyers from poring over further details in open court and could result in all cases eventually settling.

The British newspaper arm of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has agreed to settle a string of legal claims over phone hacking after victims said the company admitted that its management knew about the practice and tried to cover it up.

Murdoch's News International had for years claimed that the hacking of voicemails to generate stories was the work of a single "rogue" reporter who went to jail for the crime in 2007.

However, under a wave of damning evidence last year it finally admitted that the problem was widespread — sparking a scandal that has rocked the company, the British press, police and the political establishment.

"It is clear that I, along with many others, was kept under constant surveillance for a number of years."
JUDE LAW, ACTOR

Yesterday, lawyers for victims who have reached settlements said their agreements were based on News Group Newspapers, publisher of some of News International's titles, acknowledging that senior management were at fault.

"News Group has agreed to compensation being assessed on the basis that senior employees and directors of NGN knew about the wrongdoing and sought to conceal it by deliberately deceiving investigators and destroying evidence," the statement said.

Actor Jude Law accepted $200,000 after he was physically followed abroad as well as in Britain.

"It is clear that I, along with many others, was kept under constant surveillance for a number of years," Law said in a statement. "No aspect of my private life was safe from intrusion by News Group newspapers, including the lives of my children." **REUTERS**

AT&T raises data charges

It's about to get a little more expensive to use a smartphone with AT&T.

AT&T announced that it will replace all three of its smartphone data plans with pricier options that allow for slightly more data usage in an effort to keep up with its customers' growing data consumption.

Users will soon have the option for either a 300 MB data plan for $20 a month, a 3 GB plan for $30 or a 5 GB plan for $50, the last of which includes tethering to turn the phone into a mobile Wi-Fi hot spot.

Prior to this, users could have signed up for a 200 MB data plan for as little as $15 a month, or picked either the 2 GB or 4 GB plan for $25 and $45, respectively. Smartphone users are essentially being asked to pay an extra $5 for each new plan. **MAINSTREET.COM**

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WEEKEND

- The Tuskegee Airmen of World War II are finally getting their story told on the big screen
- Why stars Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ne-Yo fought to be a part of it

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▶ Ne-Yo stars as Andrew "Smokey" Salem in "Red Tails."

On the horizon

Ne-Yo on his upcoming album

The R&B artist is currently finishing a new album titled "The Cracks in Mr. Perfect." "[It] speaks on the perfection that is imperfection," he explains. "It's the more human side of Ne-Yo — not Ne-Yo the celebrity, not even Ne-Yo the singer-songwriter. [It's about] Ne-Yo the man and the things we deal with as men, as human beings."

That inward retrospection is at least partially a reaction to living in the public eye. "As a celebrity, you're expected to be perfect," he says. "You're not allowed to just not want to deal with people. The one day you don't want to do that, you're an a—hole. In actuality, we're human beings. This album just expresses that: 'Celebrity? OK, whatever. Artist? Whatever — human being first.'"

In that context, he says, "It's relatable to everybody, because there is no such thing as perfection."

GIVING THE RED TAILS A CHANCE TO SOAR

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▶ The "Red Tails" crew assembles for a cast shot.

The story of the Tuskegee Airmen was one that almost didn't get told. The crew of African-American fighter pilots in World War II had been given the television movie treatment by HBO in 1995, but director George Lucas spent nearly 25 years trying to get a major feature made. By funding the film himself, Lucas was finally able to produce the movie he'd always dreamed of making. One of the original Tuskegee Airmen, 89-year-old Roscoe Brown, notes the importance of that project: "Red Tails."

"Young people don't know about segregation," Brown says. "When I give speeches and tell young people that I applied to be a pilot at Eastern Airlines and that the staffing manager told me to my face, 'we don't hire negroes here,' it causes them to just gasp because that would never happen today. And the reason it wouldn't happen today is because folks like us and Harry Truman and Franklin Roosevelt changed the world, so I like to see it as a world-changing experience."

One of the stars of the film, R&B singer Ne-Yo, notes that the airmen, who broke color barriers by engaging in direct combat with the Germans, rather than only assisting on tertiary flight missions, took on the unwieldy tasks at an extraordinarily young age — between 17 and 25.

"If you didn't know and you were told about what the Tuskegee Airmen accomplished, you'd instantly think these were men who'd lived lives, had families, in their upper 30s, 40s," he says. "The amazingness of these individuals — it wasn't about how old they were. It was about, 'we've got a job to do and we're going to get it done.'"

Their story so affected Cuba Gooding Jr., who appeared in the HBO film on the subject, that the actor fought to be a part of this project as well.

"They're not telling these stories very much in Hollywood," Gooding Jr. says. "This was the first time I'd read a script where these men empowered themselves. I loved 'Glory,' but they didn't need Matthew Broderick's [character] in this movie. They did it on their own. These are black men, doing for themselves."

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Back in time

The actors who portray the tight-knit Red Tails crew got a wallop of authenticity by living in a training camp for several weeks before production. Ne-Yo likens the experience to a time-warp:

"It was bootcamp for 1942, meaning there was no music that wasn't from 1942, there was no food that wasn't from 1942," he says. "No cell phones, nothing. It was snowing, and we were in tents."

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VIGGO AS FREUD

In the critically acclaimed 'A Dangerous Method,' Viggo Mortensen plays Sigmund Freud The actor tells us he has some previous experience with therapy

▶ Viggo Mortensen considers the oral-fixation stage of development as Sigmund Freud.

How did you prepare for the role?

Well, I was probably an unusual choice for most people. I even thought so myself when David [Cronenberg, director] proposed it. Just because, physically, it was a bit of a stretch. But once I figured out how to do it and got comfortable with it — not just the physical side but also the way he spoke and his sense of humor — I could put some irony in his tone. I read everything I could get my hands on about how he moved and spoke. Then the cliche image of him that I had as an old, thin man with white hair went out the window. In his 50s, before he had cancer, he was robust and had a great appetite for life. He avoided, on purpose, talking over people's heads, and was very entertaining and generous and included his listeners, even when introducing a new, revolutionary idea.

Have you been to therapy?

About 20 years ago I went for a short time. I felt I needed to speak to someone who was objective, who had no emotional interest or investment in my situation. Sometimes you can just talk to a close friend in confidence; but at that point, and I still think now, that a sort of confession without any judgment is a great idea — especially with someone who can help you understand the connections of what you are saying.

What was it like working with Michael Fassbender and Keira Knightley?

I have always liked Keira Knightley as an actress and I've never understood why some critics, especially in England, are always attacking her, because I think she's a really good actress. She took some risks and studied very well and prepared and did an excellent job. I think her performance will be remembered for a very long time. Michael Fassbender did a very good job as [Carl] Jung. He has a great sense of humor. Both of them are football fans just like me, so we enjoyed watching the World Cup whenever we had free time. We made bets when England, Germany, Argentina and Denmark played. Michael was cheering for his father's Germany and I lost some bets on the Argentina/Germany game and they made a lot of fun of me.

Awards season

There's a lot of Oscar buzz surrounding this film.

My experience is that you never know. More than half the nominations are usually questionable; it doesn't make sense why certain performances are excluded. Why David Cronenberg has never been nominated for best director is beyond me — to me he is one of a small handful of consistently great directors internationally. And there are a few people who have been nominated who are clearly mediocre. But what can you do? It is just kind of a strange lottery, or a popularity contest.

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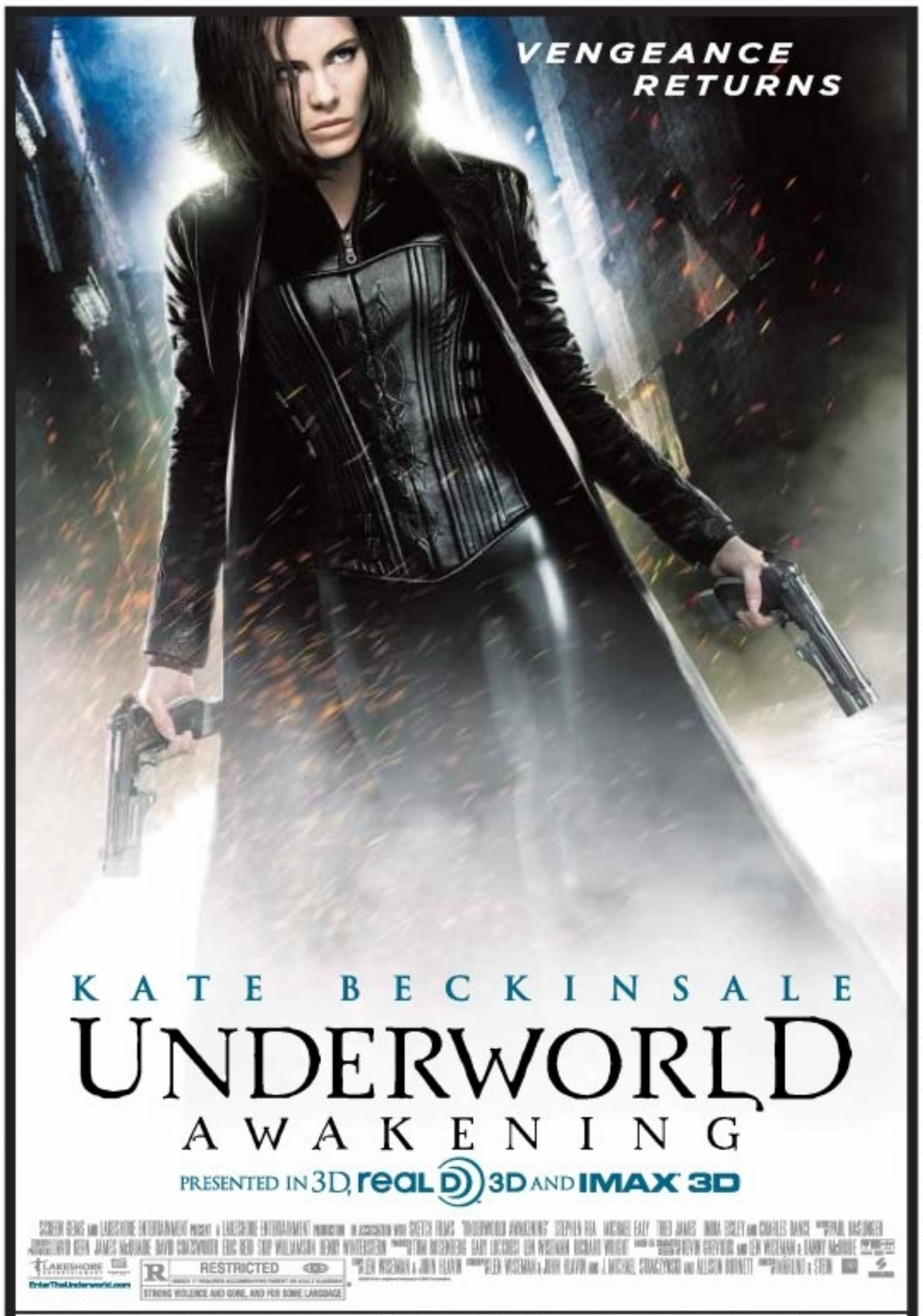

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HAYWIRE (R) Fri 3:00, 5:20, 7:55, 10:15.C INDEPENDENT; Sat 10:15-12:35-3:00-5:20-7:55-10:15.C INDEPENDENT; Sun 10:10-12:35-3:00-5:20-7:55.C INDEPENDENT
JOYFUL NOISE (PG-13) Fri 2:05, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sat 11:10-2:05-5:05-7:45-10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:10-2:05-5:05-7:45. Digital Presentation
RED TAILS (PG-13) Fri 1:35, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sat 10:35-1:35-4:40-7:30-10:20.; Sun 10:35-1:35-4:40-7:30.
SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13) Fri 2:55, 8:00. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 9:50-2:55-8:00. Digital Presentation
UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING 3D (R) Fri 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:40. RealD 3D; Sat 10:45-1:00-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:40. RealD 3D; Sun 10:45-1:00-3:15-5:40-8:05. RealD 3D
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BEING ELMO: A PUPPETEER'S JOURNEY (PG) Sun 11:00
THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat 1:30-4:00-7:00-9:30.; Sun 4:30-7:00.
THE NATIONAL GALLERY: LEONARDO LIVE (NR) Sat 11:00
THE ROOM (R) Fri 11:30
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THE ARTIST (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25
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CARNAGE (R) 1:30, 3:35
CONTRABAND (R) 12:10, 1:40, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:30, 8:10, 10:10, 10:45
THE DESCENDANTS (R) 12:25, 3:30, 6:10, 9:10
THE DEVIL INSIDE (R) 2:00, 4:35, 6:50, 9:15
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THE IRON LADY (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25, 6:55, 9:30
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Kate Beckinsale returns to the 'Underworld' franchise At first, the films were a lark Then 'it all spiraled out of control'

A RE-'AWAKENING'

"Underworld: Awakening" marks Kate Beckinsale's third outing — after skipping the franchise's last installment — as ruthless, gun-toting vampire Selene, so the British actress has had time to adjust to her character's temper. "I suppose it's my second or third time playing the character, so I'm used to the fact that she doesn't hold back when she's annoyed," she says.

Annoyed is one way to put it. In the new film, Selene bites, shoots and stabs her way through countless human and werewolf foes after waking up from a forced 12-year hibernation. And after three films, Beckinsale is still amazed she's developed a reputation as an action star. "It's so crazy, it's absolutely mad. And you'd think I'd be more used to it now," she says. "The first 'Underworld,' I'd come off of doing lots of Merchant Ivory films and Shakespeare, and even the American movies I'd done were largely period pieces, so I'd often get the feedback from casting people that, 'She's very soft and delicate and English, and we can't imagine her with an edge.' And I thought, I'll have to see if I can do that then. And then it all kind of spiraled out of control."

"I'd love to do more comedy. I don't find very many comedies where I find the women's parts are very funny."
BECKINSALE

So what would the Oxford-educated actress like to be doing besides dispatching bad guys? Make people laugh. "I'm quite smiley and jolly in real life," she says. "I'd love to do more comedy. I don't find very many comedies where I find the women's parts are very funny. 'Bridesmaids' was so exciting because that doesn't happen very often."

At 38, Beckinsale is by no means old, but Hollywood can be a cruel place for actresses. She acknowledges the industry's double standard for women and men when it comes to maturity, but she's ignoring it. "You're talking to someone who's just spent the entire year running about on a wire," she says. "For me, I haven't been handed my carpet slippers or experienced any career hot-flashes yet. I'm sure I will, but this hasn't been it. So I'm able to live in my little bubble where I'm not about to be 70 years old."

In fact, when comparing how she handled the stunt work on the first "Underworld" film to "Underworld: Awakening," Beckinsale says she's actually getting better with age. "I just feel better because I was such a novice then," she says. "Whether I've lost energy, eggs, hope, bone density, whatever — fullness in my breasts — I'm not aware of that as much as I am the fact that I'm more confident in the stuff."

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Kate Beckinsale is by no means a fan of the TMZ age, with constant paparazzi attention and shots of stars shopping for groceries splattered across the Internet, but that doesn't mean she doesn't understand it.

"I think we've lost that slightly magical air of what movie stars used to be," she says. "There's something that is very spoiled now. It is very tempting to expose everyone's feet of clay because we are so bombarded with visuals of the perfect female and male form that I think it's very oppressive to people. ... Whatever it is, it does inspire a great kind of low self-esteem in almost anybody."

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'Red Tails' fail

'Red Tails'
Director: Anthony Hemingway
Cast: Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., David Oyelowo
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ●●○○○

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▶ Elijah Kelly is part of the ensemble cast of "Red Tails."

George Lucas was trying to get this film made since the 1970s. No Hollywood producer would touch it, according to Lucas, because there were no prominent roles in the story for a white A-list actor. Finally the director decided to ante up and pay for the film himself. It's a worthy subject, but all of those years the script spent marinating in rejection caused some damage. It's rumored that seven screenwriters attempted to tell the story of "Red Tails" and, as a result, the film is an outstanding example of too many cooks in the kitchen. It's been reduced to a boilerplate story, feigning all the moves of a typical Hollywood adventure film and thereby sacrificing the chance to portray fully drawn characters. Each character represents an action movie stereotype: The devil-may-care rogue who always breaks the rules, the uptight team leader who's about to self-destruct, the innocent who's doomed to die — they're all there. Director Anthony Hemingway didn't want this to be a movie purely about race, but in trying to tell a great story about these heroic men, he lost the heart that would propel this movie to greatness.

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Synopsis

Based on the true story of the Tuskegee Airmen, "Red Tails" follows a crew of African-American pilots doing flight missions in Europe during World War II. Relegated to providing only minimal assistance in key maneuvers, the Red Tails push the U.S. military to allow them to test their metal in direct air combat with the Germans.

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Extremely confused and incredibly conflicted

With 9/11 as the centerpiece to this drama, is it exploitation or just good storytelling? Well, we cried

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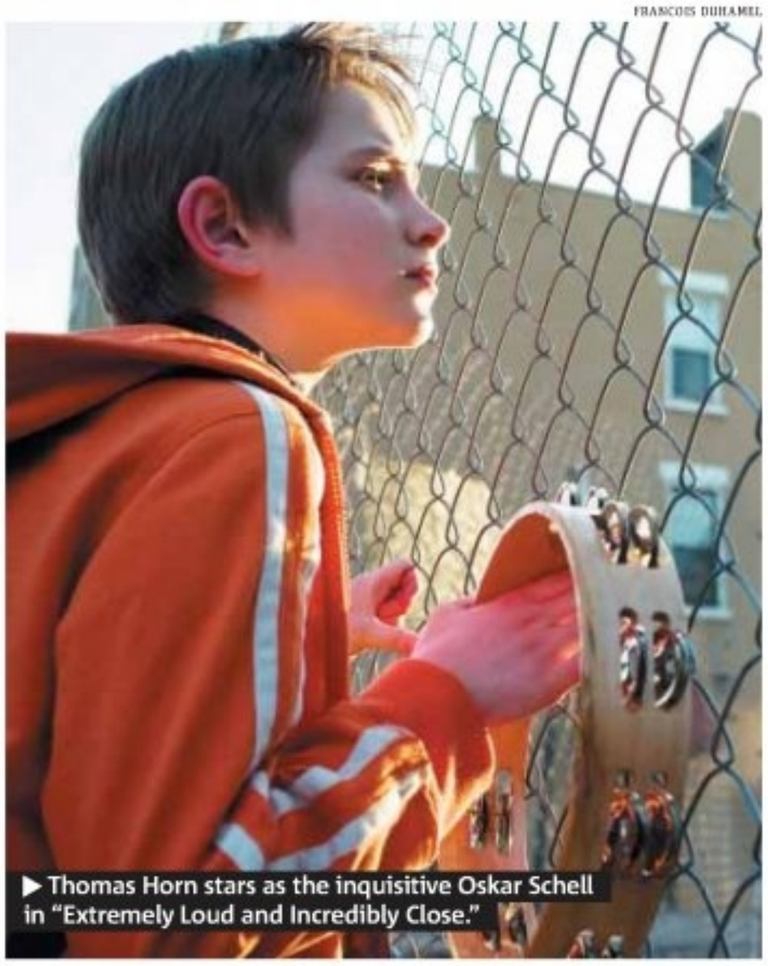

Thomas Horn stars as the inquisitive Oskar Schell in "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close."

Can a movie be considered a good one just because it made you cry? That's something many reviewers have struggled with when it comes to this film. Look at the components on the table: An adorable, precociously smart child is in mourning for his father, who died in the World Trade Center attacks of 9/11. The father is played by Tom Hanks. Sandra Bullock plays the boy's long-suffering mother. Veteran actor Max von Sydow plays a mysterious stranger who, despite his unwillingness to speak, ever, decides to help the boy on his quest to unlock a riddle his father left behind for him. Come on, is that not a recipe for cute overload — or at least weepy overload? It's just too precious to take in all at once.

While the story (based on the book by Jonathan Safran Froer) is smartly constructed, many have accused the movie of pulling a bit too hard on the heartstrings. Any movie that makes 9/11 a centerpiece of the plot runs the risk of being labeled as exploitative. But for some, it's that cathartic mourning that makes a film like this seem brave.

Some films are very easy to judge (see our "Red Tails" review) but with this one, it's the viewer's own personal experience of 9/11 that will color how they feel about the film. But everyone, and we mean everyone, will still cry at the end.

If you go

'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close'
Director: Stephen Daldry
Cast: Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn, Viola Davis
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ●●●○○

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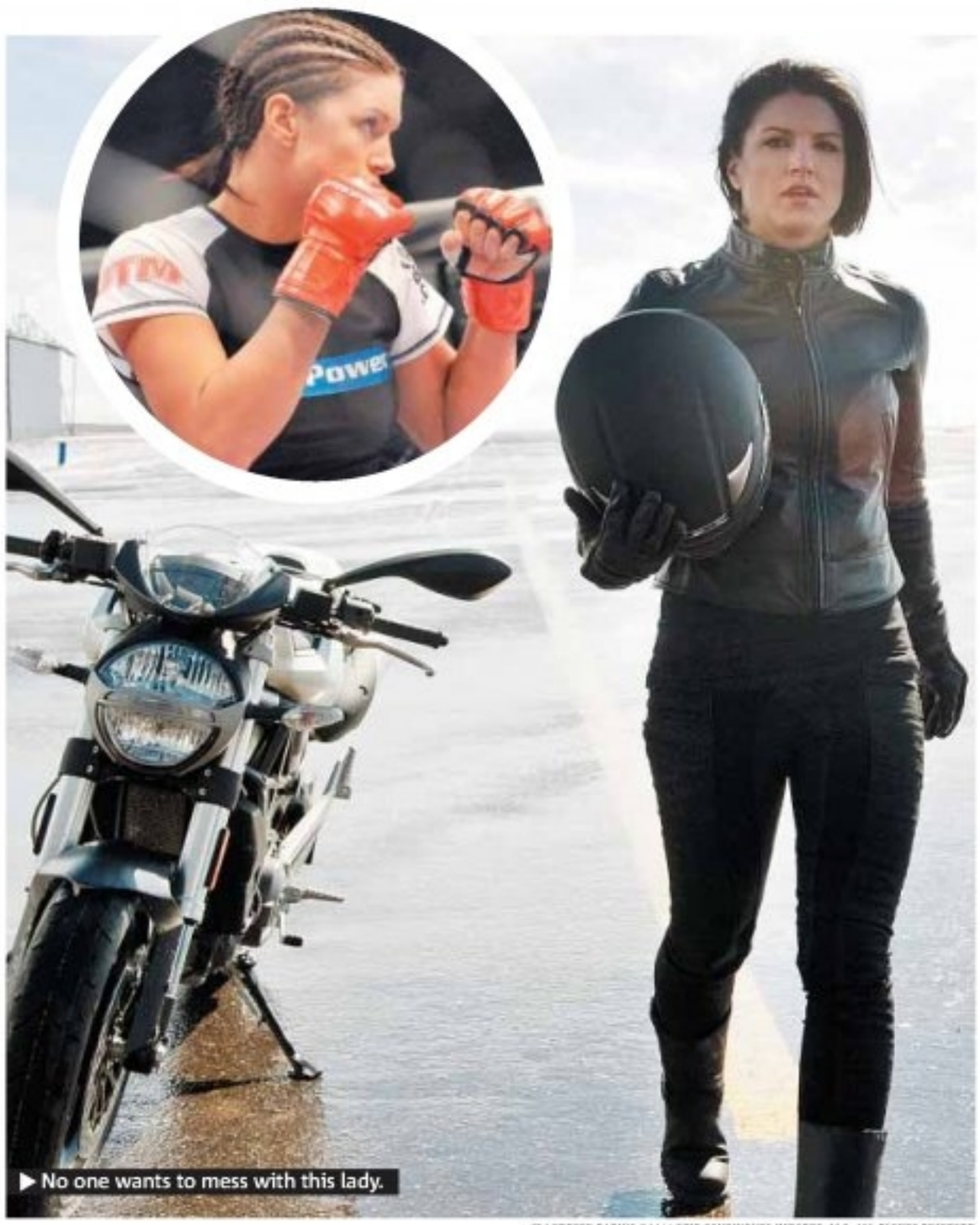

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'She can beat up most dudes'

In the new action flick 'Haywire,' Gina Carano smacks around Channing Tatum, Ewan McGregor and Michael Fassbender Somehow, they lived to tell the tale

Channing Tatum knows how to pick a fight. Last year, he quite vocally went on the record admitting he wasn't interested in watching or starring opposite a female action hero until Hollywood unearthed a woman who was truly intimidating. "I've always wanted someone that I would be afraid to fight. And they found one," he grins, sitting in a suite at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills where he's promoting his latest film, "Haywire," a Bourne-esque action thriller about a covert operative caught in a deadly double cross that's headlined by female mixed-martial arts star Gina Carano. "Isn't she just the most amazing little thing ever?" Tatum gushes. "I mean, she's diesel, but she's just got the best heart and she's so good in this movie."

Carano, best known for her fight appearances and role as Crush on "American Gladiators," was approached by "Haywire" director Steven Soderbergh to do an action movie, though he did caution her it would be "interesting" to see who signed opposite on for roles that demanded grown men get their butts kicked by a girl … who also happens to be a trained Muy Thai fighter. "She's a real fighter, she can beat up most dudes," Tatum chuckles.

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▶ From left to right, Channing Tatum, Antonio Banderas, director Steven Soderbergh, Carano and Ewan McGregor hit the red carpet.

Her other co-stars are equally enthusiastic: "Oh, I got my butt kicked sideways by her and I loved every minute of it," Ewan McGregor offers. "It never crossed my mind for a minute not to do the movie for some macho reason."

Carano, who describes herself as "a tomboy who also loved 'Pride and Prejudice,'" says she feels incredibly lucky to have been given the chance to do any movie, let alone the lead in a Soderbergh project. "I don't consider myself what people are necessarily looking for," she says, surprisingly sheepish for someone who knows her way around a submission choke-out.

She recalls her first day of work, which had her going toe-to-toe with one of 2011's breakout stars, Michael Fassbender. "I showed up and Michael said, 'You want to run lines?' And I said, 'Please.' It was the first time I'd run lines with an actor," she says. "He put some whiskey down in front of me and said, 'OK, let's do this.'"

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Go 'Haywire' with Soderbergh's latest

'Haywire'
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Cast: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor, Channing Tatum, Michael Fassbender
Rating: R **Grade:** 4 stars

The story of a double-crossed contract killer has been done over and over again, sure. It takes the steady hand of a veteran director like Steven Soderbergh to make a new one not stink. We already know from his three "Oceans" movies that the director knows how to keep a caper film bouncy, fun and smart. Unlike his darker work in films like "Contagion" and "Traffic," Soderbergh seems to be able to turn a switch on his directing style when it comes to these "lighter" movies. The set up may be the same, but the outcome is never what you'd expect. When you've reached the end, you're surprised you're there, rather than feeling the movie should've ended 20 minutes earlier.

But half the reason this film isn't just more of the same old wronged-assassin-on-a-mission movie is that mixed-martial arts master Gina Carano is its star. That a lady killer is still such a novelty may be a bit of an eye-roller, but Carano's legitimate skills as a fighter bring a visceral punch to every bone-crunching action sequence. She's not all there as an actor yet — sometimes issuing lines with such wooden machismo, she makes Jason Statham look like Laurence Olivier. But Soderbergh has surrounded her with a cast more than able to fill the voids of her own acting experience.

▶ Ewan McGregor is helpless against Gina Carano's fist.

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Synopsis

Contract killer Mallory (Carano) takes on one last assignment from her ex-lover (Ewan McGregor) to rescue a kidnapped journalist with the help of another contractor (Channing Tatum).

When one unexpected "babysitting" job comes up shortly after, Mallory realizes that she may be one who will be disposed of.

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TV watch list

▶ Rob Lowe stars in "Drew Peterson: Untouchable."

MICHAEL YARISH

'Drew Peterson: Untouchable'

MOVIE. It is "literally" terrifying to watch "Parks and Recreation" star Rob Lowe play Chicago cop Drew Peterson, who is suspected of murdering his third and fourth wives (No. 4 played here by Kaley Cuoco). **Saturday, 8 p.m., Lifetime**

'Bayou Billionaires'

REALITY. When a massive natural gas deposit is discovered under their home, a simple Louisiana family adjusts to life in a much more posh tax bracket — like probably cutting down on the "gas" jokes. **Season premiere, Saturday, 9 p.m., CMT**

'An Idiot Abroad 2: The Bucket List'

REALITY. Karl Pilkington may be Ricky Gervais' "idiot" friend, but now he also — begrudgingly — gets sent around the world to check things off of his "things to do before you die" list. To be clear, that's Gervais' list, not Pilkington's. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., Science**

'Shark Tank'

REALITY. The shark bait in the Season 3 premiere includes an author looking for funds to kick-start his celebrity ghostwriting biz and an online venture that helps people plan their own funerals. **Season premiere, Friday, 8 p.m., ABC**

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Learn to cook in 2012

Take baby steps into the kitchen with help from Food Network chef Claire Robinson ◐ It's not the quantity of ingredients, but the quality ◐ How to stock your shelves ◐ Plus, a side dish anyone can make

If a laundry list of ingredients intimidates you out of the kitchen and into the pizza place next door, Claire Robinson, host of Food Network's "5 Ingredient Fix," says you're not alone.

"People get angry when they see 27 ingredients in a recipe," she says. "I don't have 27 ingredients in my kitchen right now and I'm a chef!"

And she adds: "If you choose fewer ingredients, then you're able to control the quality of [food] that you're putting in your body."

For anyone whose resolution is to cook more — or to just learn how to cook — Robinson thinks going by the book will only take you so far.

"Following recipes isn't teaching you how to cook," she says. "You're the executive chef of your kitchen. Read a recipe, make it and then add to it."

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▶ Claire Robinson hosts "5 Ingredient Fix" on Food Network.

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What's in her kitchen

(and should be in yours)

Pantry
Balsamic vinegar
Cooking oil
Finishing oils, like truffle ("You don't want to cook them — they'll change their flavor.")
Spices and spice blends
Fresh herbs ("Rosemary grows really easily. So does mint.")
Nuts
Chocolate ("You can melt it and dip food into it. I add chili [pepper] to it. You can infuse flavors into it.")

Fridge
Butter
Bacon ("I use it as a flavoring agent.")
Eggs
Cheese ("I always have a parmesan reggiano.")
Fat-free Greek yogurt ("I can make healthier versions of things with it.")

Weekend recipe

Roasted grape tomatoes

(Serves eight)
Ingredients:
4 cups grape tomatoes
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Kosher salt to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
3 garlic cloves, peeled

1 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Drizzle 3 tablespoons olive oil over the grape tomatoes and garlic cloves, and sprinkle with salt, pepper.

2 Pour the tomatoes and three garlic cloves in a 9-by-13 glass baking dish or a rimmed half-sheet tray, ensuring they are in just one layer. Roast for 20 minutes, and then stir. Add 2 to 3 tablespoons of hot water if too dry in appearance. Return to the oven and cook for 20 to 30 more minutes. When ready, the tomatoes will have begun to shrivel and the liquid in the dish will have thickened. Serve hot from the oven as a side dish or add just two more ingredients and morph them into another recipe; visit www.metro.us for ideas.

TIP: Taste one of your raw grape tomatoes and if it is not flavorful, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out that incredible sweetness you find in a perfect and in-season grape tomato.

Try these variations ...
ROASTED GRAPE TOMATOES TANGLED IN ANGEL HAIR:
Toss with cooked, fresh angel hair pasta and a heavy hand of torn fresh basil or lemon basil leaves (a possible sixth ingredient is cubed fresh mozzarella or smoked mozzarella).

ROASTED GRAPE TOMATO AND RICOTTA BRUSCHETTA:
Try these with olive oil brushed and then toasted French baguette slices, topped with great fresh ricotta. Sprinkle with a good finishing salt, such as a gray salt, and pile high with roasted tomatoes as a quick appetizer or lunch.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

▶ On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

This week, we discussed Golden Globes fashion, the fact I get a lot of hate mail and that @ctwinfield is (hilariously) a week behind.

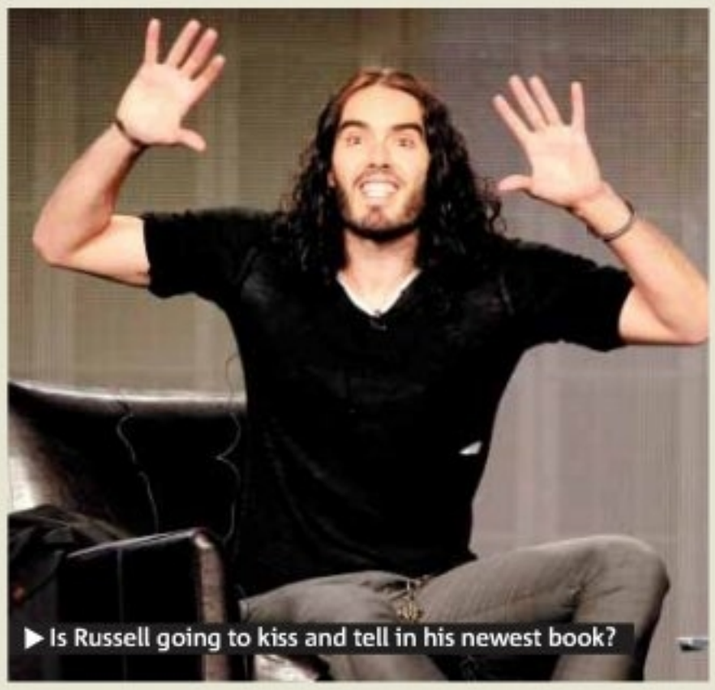
@sarrible: Actually liked Claire Danes's dress, but by far best moment was when Peter Dinklage got an eyeful of Piper Perabo's mystery.

@TheWittyBiddy: NOT Madonna or her four boobs!

@LadyCLada: A stone-cold GORGEOUS one RT @dorothyatmetro: I'm just going to say it: Angelina Jolie always looks like a stone-cold b-tch.

@Konnichiwaaaaa u do get some serious hate mail. Perhaps u shld stop writing about entertainment & start a column replying 2 hate mail.

@ctwinfield Blue Ivy for a baby's name?! Sounds more like it would be a...oh, that was last week, wasn't it? Nevermind.



▶ Is Russell going to kiss and tell in his newest book?

Brand's newest tell-all book

Is **Russell Brand** writing a tell-all memoir about his 14-month marriage to **Katy Perry**? According to Us Weekly, he is. The tabloid says that not only did Brand blindside his pop-star wife with the filing of the divorce, but he is also planning to "cover all the nitty-gritty, sometimes ugly details" of their marriage.

Perry, for one, isn't happy. "Katy is insulted and feels betrayed that Russell has treated her so poorly," a pal to the singer tells Us. "She will never forgive him. Ever."

Sure, it's low-class, but is anyone else just the slightest bit interested in knowing if he ever got to play with that whipped-cream bra?

Casper Smart takes to Twitter

Just why did megastar **Jennifer Lopez** fall for **Casper Smart**? If you're thinking it's because he's a hot piece of young man meat with terrific abs who is completely subservient to her every want and desire, you'd be wrong! It's his seriously deep tweets, yo. How moving are they? Let's just say: Can someone get the president from the Precious Moments Page-a-Day Calendar company on the phone? Smart needs to stop dancing and start writing to inspire all of us. Some of my favorites:

▶ "Age, status, n opinions of others are irrelevant."

▶ **@TheNoteboook:** Be real, be yourself, be unique, be true, be honest, be humble, be happy." .....JUST BE!!!!!

▶ "We should all honor our time here by indulging our passion and dreams. So, close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy!"

▶ Smart, left, also retweets @TheNotebook. Deep!

Tweeted

"Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite. Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining." CASPER SMART

Wow! Can't you just visualize that text on a poster with a picture of the "Hang in There" cat? How does he know that my "passion and dreams" consist of mocking, in a free daily newspaper, the throwaway tweets of a 24-year-old backup dancer I've never met?

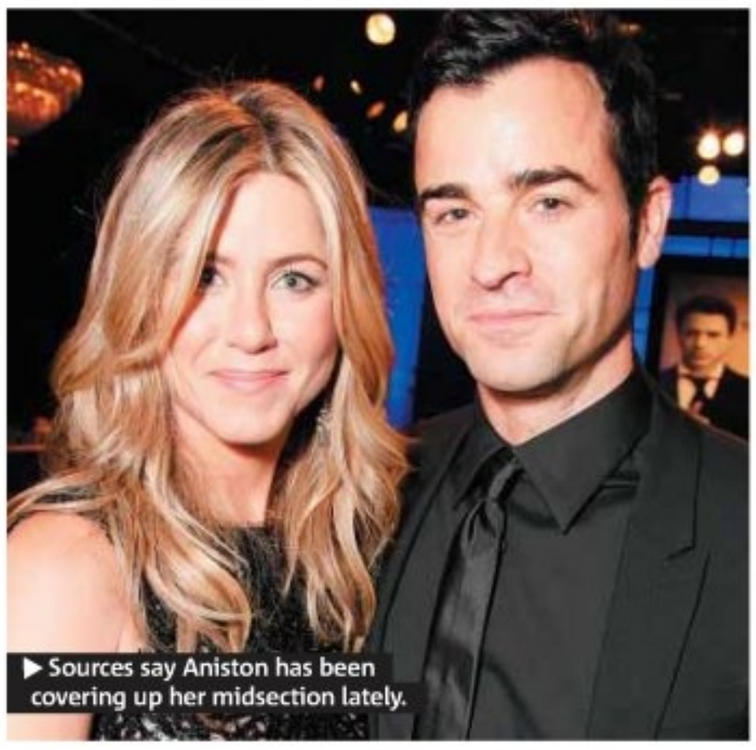
Talking points

Aniston is having a baby!

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly six months pregnant with boyfriend **Justin Theroux**'s child, according to MTV UK — though the pregnancy is news even to friends. "She wouldn't have wanted to make a big deal but she must be so excited," a pal says. "If anyone ever asked if she was worried about running out of time, she'd reply, 'I'm absolutely having kids. There's not one doubt in my mind.'" Aniston has been spotted out at a pair of events recently either bundled up around the middle or showing off a suspiciously swelled belly. Speculation that the couple might be expecting began in October when they were spotted leaving a clinic together.

Spears: The wedding rumors start

Details about **Britney Spears**' upcoming wedding to **Jason Trawick** are beginning to trickle out, according to Radar Online. "It's going to be a very intimate wedding with only immediate family and very, very close friends," a source says. "It will probably be a destination wedding in a very warm, tropical location." As for the singer's two sons from her marriage to Kevin Federline? "Britney's sons are absolutely going to be a part of the ceremony as ring-bearers," the source adds. "And Jason has something very special planned for the boys that will take place during the wedding."



▶ Sources say Aniston has been covering up her midsection lately.

Madonna knows what makes it work

Madonna knows what it takes to make a relationship work — or not work, as the case may be. "I think with all relationships you are going to have to give up something," Madonna, who is currently dating 24-year-old dancer **Brahim Zaibat**, tells Grazia magazine. "It is a juggling act, it's about compromising." And when speaking with the U.K.'s Telegraph, the singer and director took a more pragmatic tone: "There is no such thing as perfect love," she says. "All love requires compromise or sacrifice."

Middleton is tired of the attention

Pippa Middleton is reportedly sick and tired of the paparazzi attention that's become a regular part of her life since her sister, **Kate**, married **Prince William**, so her lawyers are taking action, according to Hollyscoop. Citing the "serious distress and anxiety" the photographers' presence causes, Middleton's lawyers have sent cease-and-desist letters to the "nine or 10 agencies outside her door every day," threatening legal action if they don't ease off. As for publications, so far the Daily Mail is the only one to vow to stop using paparazzi images of her.

Dancing with the (real) stars

These celebs don't have to be on the ABC show to strut their stuff. Here are our favorite candid dance moments from last year.

1. Cameron Diaz and Jimmy Fallon showed off their moves while on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" at Rockefeller Center on June 21 in New York City.

2. It takes two to tango — and Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek did just that while at the U.K. premiere of "Puss in Boots" in London in November.

3. Jennifer Lopez shook her moneymaker at Fox's "American Idol" Season 10 finale results show held at Nokia Theatre LA Live on May 25 in Los Angeles.

4. Jersey Shore's Nicole Elizabeth "Snooki" Polizzi waved her arms in the air like she just didn't care while hosting The Pool After Dark at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City in September.

5. Kathy Griffin got into the holiday dancing spirit with shoppers at Westfield Culver City shopping mall on Dec. 18 in Culver City, Calif.

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6. Juliette Lewis danced on the red carpet at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's "An Evening With Women" at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills in April.

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Mitt didn't win, but GOP doesn't care

No wonder the GOP is trying so hard to deny the voting rights of African-Americans, Latinos and young people with such bogus measures as insisting that each voter have a photo ID. The results of the recent Iowa caucus show that Mitt Romney did not actually win, but instead finished behind or tied with Rick Santorum. This proves again that the GOP, adept at rigging elections, will do whatever it can to suppress votes to achieve fraudulent outcomes.

CECIL HARRIS, VIA E-MAIL

Lawmakers in the pocket of Hollywood

I'm distressed that so many have voiced support for the SOPA/PIPA legislation, as a careful reading of the proposed bills show a deeply flawed effort to address the genuine problem of online piracy. But giving the federal government carte blanche to seize foreign website IPs, eliminate existing Safe Harbor and Fair Use practices and put legal liability on American companies for possible copyright-infringing content from overseas strikes me as counterproductive. Ironically, it also interferes with foreign policy and cyber security, as it stifles software innovation and development with the threat of prosecution. Scrap it and start over.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Insider trading not applicable to pols?

After a five-year FBI investigation, seven Wall Street-types were charged with insider trading of hedge funds. But according to a recent episode of 60 Minutes, if you are a member of Congress insider trading rules do not apply. (Right, Nancy Pelosi?) Then again, Congress is not subject to ObamaCare either. But drone citizens will continue to munch junk food and get worked up about sports spectaculars while ignoring Obama's signing a bill that allows the government to lock up U.S. citizens without a trial!

JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL

'Good students are a breeze to teach'

Students' failures are teachers' faults. Hence, teachers need to be evaluated and good teachers compensated. Unfortunately, good students are a breeze to teach, and the teachers that need to be compensated are those who deal with uninterested, failing students who are disruptive, disrespectful and undisciplined. Parents have given up their responsibility of nurturing their children to the teachers. The duty of the teacher is only to teach, not to babysit. Parents expect their children to learn in school. However, when children don't show up in class, when they show up without books or pencils, when they come to school only to socialize and disrupt the classroom, no matter how good he or she is, there is not much a teacher can do.

CONSUELO ALMONTE, VIA E-MAIL

Paula Deen reaps what she has sown

Paula Deen is a talentless hack who uses all things fattening and health-destroying to sell her brand. In her world, butter and heavy cream take the place of ability. She is all about the buck, never mind that her cooking style is deadly.

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Because you'll be as much of a pragmatist as a visionary, your hopes and aspirations will be easily realized. This combination always brings gangbusters results.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even if it takes two or three tries, major achievements will be possible for you. However, be prepared to circumvent some obstacles that might block your path.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Dealings you have with a large organization, such as a company or the government, will work out better than you think. Be patient and let the big dogs set the pace.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** This is an unusual day, when even a bum deal can be renegotiated and work out quite well for you. Don't be afraid to ask for the terms you want, but then be patient and let events establish how things play out.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You enjoy being your own person and doing your own thing — but you don't mind being a team player either, which is fortunate because at this point you'll fare better in a group.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It looks like you'll be given a second chance to capitalize on an opportunity that you previously turned down.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Treat whatever transpires like a game. This doesn't imply that you should not be serious when it's called for. It's merely a means for not letting anything overwhelm you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Conditions in general look pretty good for you. However, your best opportunities are likely to be in areas where you can either make or save money. Capitalize on it.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't allow people challenging your ideas or opinions to irritate you. Use any dispute as a means to better explain your position and to showcase your points more effectively.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Financial currents are running in your favor, making you luckier than usual with all money matters. Use this to further feather your nest instead of depending on what the wind brings in.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You can substantially enhance your probabilities for success by dealing solely with the person who calls the shots. Jump over subordinates and drive right to the hoop.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Initially, you might feel imposed upon when asked to do something for another, but once the dust settles you'll discover that you're the one who ends up benefiting the most.

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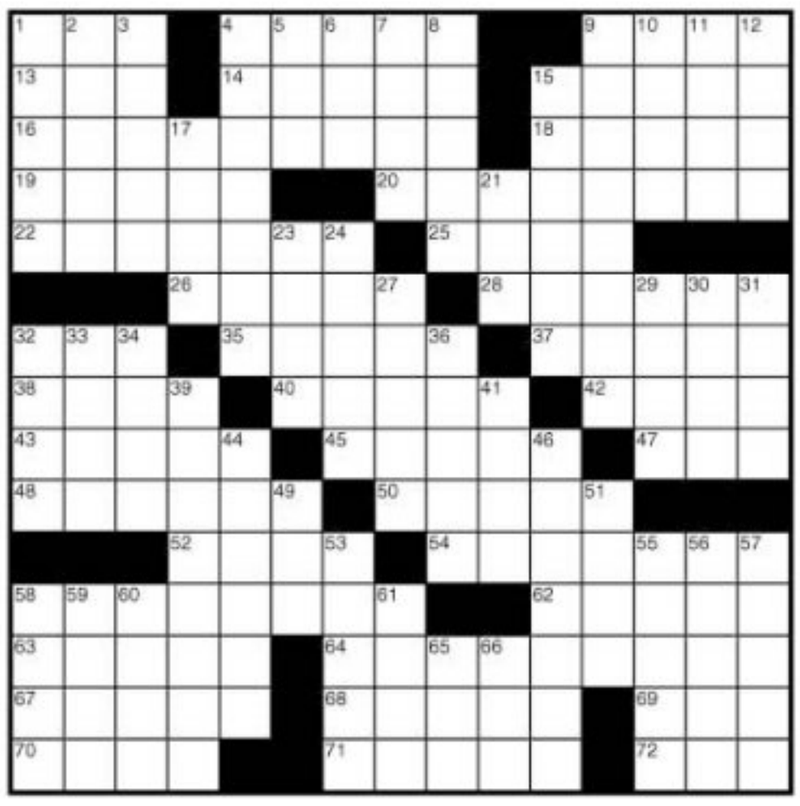

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26 Factories
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38 Humor
40 Sourdough
42 Non-flying bird
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47 Playing marble
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6 18-wheeler
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17 Consider
21 Mecca pilgrimage
23 Close-mouthed person
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27 Monsieur, in Madrid
29 Come into view
30 Import vehicle
31 Whipped-cream serving
32 They call 'em like they see 'em
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36 Levi Strauss stock
39 Giving, as time
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44 Beautiful cloth
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49 Natalie's father
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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Ross Bellenoit goes solo

The guitarist's first solo effort, 'Home Songs Volume One,' is the next chapter in his high-profile career in the Philly music scene Catch him live this weekend

Since graduating from the University of the Arts four years ago, Ross Bellenoit has made a living exclusively with his 1988 American Standard Fender Telecaster. That's no small feat for a twentysomething rocker.

As a go-to lead guitarist on the Philly scene, Bellenoit has toured with Amos Lee and the Sweetback Sisters, and even opened for two of his heroes, Elvis Costello and Bob Dylan, on their 2007 combo tour. But he has long yearned to test his own songwriting chops, and in 2012 he's stepping out with panache, playing all of the instruments on his new self-release, "Home Songs Volume One," the first act of a three-part release.

On Saturday, he's hosting a "Home Songs" release celebration at World Cafe Live.

If you go

Ross Bellenoit & The Goods
with Johnny Miles and Swedeland
Saturday, 10:30 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$8, 215-222-1400
www.rossbellenoit.com

"For a long time, I just wanted to develop my guitar technique. I didn't want to be just another singer-songwriter," he says. "But now I'm looking for a way to somehow combine guitar wizardry and lyrical wizardry. I love both those things deeply, but it's just a real challenge to bring them together."

Working in short bursts between touring gigs, "Home Songs" was, fittingly, created almost entirely in Bellenoit's South Philly apartment.

"I've been traveling so much for the last couple of years, and this was really my creative release when I had down time at home," he explains. "It was all about what I was listening to at the time. I wanted to challenge myself to try to write a song that Susan Vega, or Ron Sexsmith, or Ryan Adams would sing. So I was pushing myself as hard as I could."

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▶ Ross Bellenoit added some words to his riffs.

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▶ Man Man play Union Transfer (www.utphilly.com) Saturday night; doors open at 8.

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Man Man: 'Life Fantastic' on the fringe

- Indie rockers play a hometown show this weekend
- They're under the radar, but they have friends there

Formed in Philadelphia in the mid-2000s, experimental indie-rock band Man Man play a hometown concert Saturday night at Union Transfer. The band's bizarre combination of junkyard blues, Eastern European bounce and chaotic, circus-like energy made critically-acclaimed albums like "Six Demon Bag" (2006) and "Rabbit Habbits" (2008) sound unlike anything else on the indie market.

Released on indie label ANTI Records last May, "Life Fantastic" might be their best album yet. Rather than bashing listeners over the head with speed and sonic ferocity, meticulous instrumentation and clever songwriting were prioritized. Man Man had clearly matured, and the music was better than ever. But, for some reason, "Life Fantastic" didn't earn as much praise as past albums did. "It wasn't a conscious decision to make it sound different," says frontman Ryan Kattner. "It's just that the band is constantly changing. I can't write the same songs I used to — I was out of my gourd at 22, and I'm a different person now. We put a lot into this album, and it just flew under the radar."

Despite not getting the critical attention the album may have deserved, the fan base Man Man has built remains strong and loyal. And, "Life Fantastic" has allowed the band to make valuable connections with their supporters. "From all the touring we've done, this is the first time people have come up to us after a show to tell us how much the album impacted them," says Kattner. "It speaks volumes to the transformative quality of music. It's been very cool."

"We're a band that's on the fringe, and we just can't seem to get in a little further. It keeps us hungry, but we're lucky because our core fans stick with us."
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listings

Music

Anthony Green
with the Dear Hunter
Friday, 8:30 p.m.
$17, Union Transfer
www.utphilly.com

Fujiya & Miyagi
Friday, 9 p.m.
$12, Johnny Brenda's
www.r5productions.com

Collie Buddz
Saturday, 8 p.m.
$18, The TLA
www.livenation.com

The Legwarmers
Saturday, 9 p.m.
$13, The Trocadero
www.thetroc.com

Cass McCombs
with Frank Fairfield
Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
$12, Kungfu Necktie
www.r5productions.com

Ingrid Michaelson
Monday, 8 p.m.
$35-$55, World Cafe Live
www.worldcafelive.com

Demetri Martin

Comedy

Saturday, 8 p.m.
$35, The Keswick Theater
The super-twee comedian is coming through on his "Telling Jokes in Cold Places" tour. "Sometimes you just get tired of enjoying very comfortable, balmy weather," the Cali resident claims in a press release that would probably be funnier if we could feel our toes.

The Wanted
with Find Vienna
Tuesday, 6 p.m.
$15, The TLA
www.livenation.com

D.R.U.G.S.
with Hit the Lights
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
$14-$16, The Trocadero
www.thetroc.com

Robert Early Keen
with The Deep Dark Woods
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.
$25, Union Transfer
www.utphilly.com

Megadeath
with Motorhead
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
$40, The Susquehanna Bank Center, Camden
www.livenation.com

Arts

'Body Awareness'
Through Feb. 5
The Wilma Theater
www.wilmatheater.org
Obie Award-winning playwright Annie Baker and director Anne Kauffman come together for this comedy that takes place at Shirley State College's "Body Awareness Week."

RUBBERBANDance Group
Through Saturday
The Annenberg Center
www.pennpresents.org
Classical ballet meets hip-hop in the troupe's Philadelphia premiere of "Center of Gravity."

'Joe Turner's Come and Gone'
Through Feb. 4
Plays & Players Mainstage
1714 Delancey Place
www.playsandplayers.org
Plays & Players presents August Wilson's tale of an emancipated slave who moves north to Pittsburgh in search of work.

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Ingrid Michaelson plays World Cafe Live on Monday.

THE RUNDOWN

Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week

Restaurant news & notes

Happy hour at Opa
Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.
1311 Sansom St.
www.opaphiladelphia.com
The Midtown hot spot's new happy hour gets the weekend started early with $3 craft beers, $5 cocktails and — for good drinking measure — $1 snacks.

Supper at City Tap House
Mondays-Saturdays
3925 Walnut St.
www.citytaphouse.com
January in Philly is not the time for salads and ceviche. City Tap House chef Ralph Kane's hearty new specials include Cajun stews, "weekly roasts," Texas-style barbecue and traditional steakhouse fare.

Federal Donuts does dinner
Saturdays and Sundays
1219 S. Second St.
www.federaldonuts.com
Federal Donuts crazy popular fried chicken is now offered for dinner on weekends, beginning at 5 p.m. The same rules as lunch service apply: First come, first served, and you'll go home hungry if you wait on it.

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CASINO LISTINGS

Atlantic City

Music

Chaka Khan
Saturday, 9 p.m.
Tropicana Casino And Resort
$40-$75, 609-340-4020
www.tropicana.net

Shows

Cirque Polynesian
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.

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Chaka Khan

Resorts Atlantic City
$25, 609-340-6300
www.resortsac.com
Fire eaters, dancers and acrobats perform death defying feats and create a fun luau vibe in Atlantic City.

LGBT

Miss'd America Pageant
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall
$35-$100
www.boardwalkhall.com
The pageant, originally created as a fundraiser, is a spoof of the Miss America Pageant and stars drag queens strutting down the world's most famous runway. Carson Kressley is back to host the 2012 Miss'd America Pageant with special guest star, Martha Wash of The Weather Girls.

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Super Bowl predictions sure to go wrong ...

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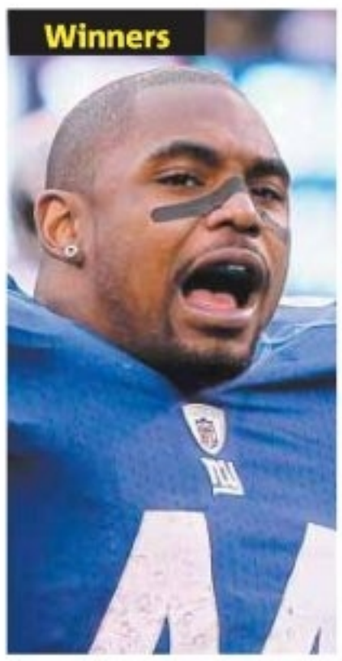
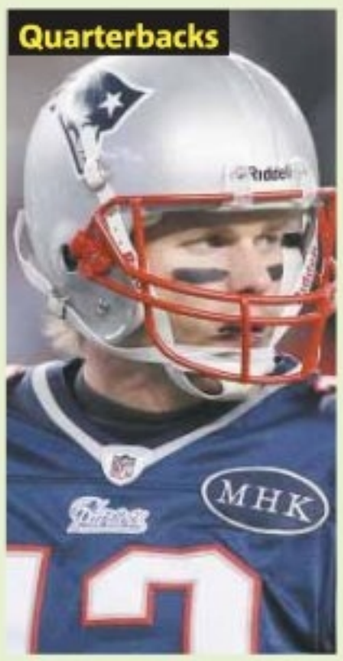


Super Bowl picks?
Answer: Giants over Patriots
By: Mark Osborne, Metro NY Sports Editor
Confidence Level: ★★★
Eli Manning wins his second Super Bowl over the Patriots, but this time winning the NFC title is tougher than taking home the Lombardi Trophy. He throws for 300 yards on the Pats' secondary.

Super Bowl picks?
Answer: Ravens over 49ers
By: Mike Greger, Metro Philly Sports Editor
Confidence Level: ★★★
Joe Flacco vs. Alex Smith? The unlikeliest Super Bowl matchup in recent history becomes a reality (as commissioner Roger Goodell cries in his craft beer). Defense still wins championships in the NFL.



Who has more passing yards in their title game: Manning or Brady?
Answer: Tom Brady
Confidence Level: ★★
Both guys could struggle. The Ravens' passing defense is third in the NFL, while the Niners are 16th. So why do we like Brady? Because Bill Belichick will run up the score even if they're winning by 28.

Who has more passing yards: Smith or Flacco?
Answer: Joe Flacco
Confidence Level: ★
Now here's the real question. Forget about those lousy Super Bowl MVPs. Smith faces the fourth-worst pass defense in the NFL. Flacco faces the second worst ... ever. Yes, we'll say that again — the second worst ever.

Who will be the breakout star?
Answer: Patrick Willis
Confidence Level: ★★
If you don't know the name already, you will by Sunday night. The over/under on mentions of Niners' linebacker Patrick Willis by FOX's Troy Aikman is set at 37.5. We advise you to take the over. He will be tackling lots of people.

Is Jim Harbaugh the Coach of the Year?
Answer: Yes. Obviously.
Confidence Level: ★★★
Our scale only goes up to three stars, but feel free to bet your house on this one. Harbaugh took over an awful San Francisco team that was badly in need of a quarterback to replace bust Alex Smith. And then they won 13 games. With Smith.

Who makes a dumb Super Bowl comment?
Answer: Antrel Rolle
Confidence Level: ★★
The Giants safety is always ready to say something brash and stupid. But mostly stupid. We would guarantee this, but he has to actually make the Super Bowl. If so, it is totally a given.

Super Bowl picks?
Answer: Patriots over Giants
By: Matt Burke, Metro Boston Sports Editor
Confidence Level: ★★★
Tom Brady gets some revenge from Super Bowl XLII as New England's two tight ends, Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez, come up big as usual.

Over/under on Super Bowl XLII mentions?
Answer: 102.5
Confidence Level: ★★
Not sure if you've heard this, but the Giants went on a similar playoff run in 2008. Oh, you had? The only real question is whether Joe Buck and Troy Aikman break it in the NFC title game alone. We say yes.

Gisele is hard to beat in the WAG category. Tom Brady is one very lucky man.

Which city has the worst group of fans?
Answer: San Francisco
Confidence Level: ★★
Talk about a tough one. Do we go with pompous New Yorkers? MASSholes? Have you seen "The Wire"? We choose the Niners fans because someone actually got shot at a preseason game. This was a football game. Calm down people.

Best WAG left in the postseason?
Answer: Gisele Bundchen
Confidence Level: ★★★
This wasn't as easy as you might think. Osi Umenyiora's girlfriend Selita Ebanks, also a Victoria's Secret model is second and Anna Burns, dating Wes Welker is third. But we have to go with the classically beautiful Mrs. Tom Brady.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Brady, Manning, Lewis, Willis deserve top billing this weekend, but don't sleep on these impact players
Plenty of diamonds in the rough on display in NFL's final four Defensive playmakers take center stage

Tom Brady. Eli Manning. Ray Lewis. Patrick Willis.

Those are the names the TV broadcast teams will be drooling over and shoving down the public's throats this weekend — and rightfully so. They are four of the best players in the entire NFL.

However, the NFC and AFC championship games are going to come down to the play of the less heralded stars. Guys that are bouncing back from injuries and offseason issues, and some rising stars who are coming off breakout regular seasons.

We take a look at eight players that could make a huge impact in Sunday's games and maybe even decide who ultimately advances to the Super Bowl.

Victor Cruz

WIDE RECEIVER, GIANTS
The undrafted free agent out of UMass had his coming-out party in a Week 3 win over Philadelphia, catching two long touchdowns and making Nnamdi Asomugha trip over himself. Cruz's 1,536 receiving yards is a single-season Giants franchise record — and his salsa dance (used as a scoring celebration) brings all the girls to the yard.

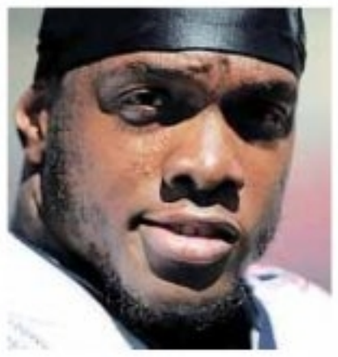
Corey Webster

CORNERBACK, GIANTS
New York's secondary was supposed to be vulnerable, a weakness even on an otherwise stout defense.

But Webster has defied that logic. He finished the regular season with a career-high six interceptions and has been even better in the postseason, shutting down Falcons stud Roddy White and then Packers burner Greg Jennings.

This week, he is expected to guard Michael Crabtree, who was held to just one catch for 21 yards when the two teams met on Nov. 13.

Mark Anderson



DEFENSIVE END, PATRIOTS
Call him Tebow Kryptonite. The 6-foot-4, 255-pounder racked up 10 sacks in 14 games for the Pats, and smothered Broncos QB Tim Tebow in two wins. Anderson sacked him twice in Week 15 and forced a fumble in last week's playoff win. With Andre Carter (quad) out, Anderson is the Pats' most prolific pass-rusher. Alex Smith beware.

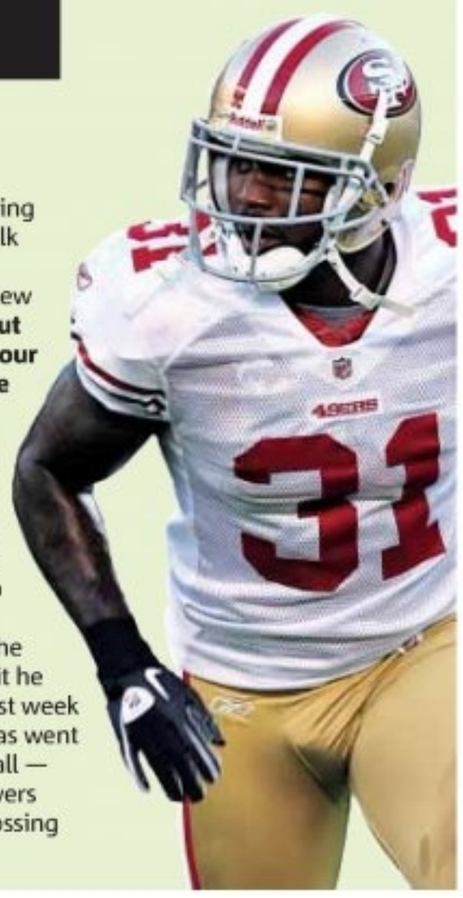
Donte Whitner

DEAL:

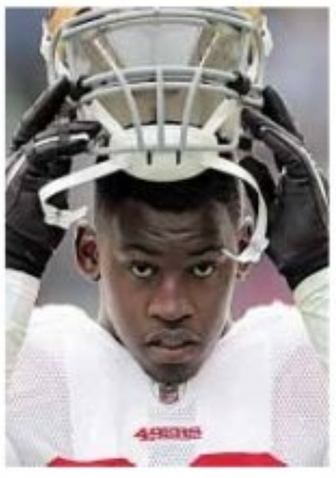
Whitner, the 49ers' starting strong safety , likes to talk some trash. His tweet Tuesday, after beating New Orleans, simply said, **"Out here in San Fran we let our Shoulder Pads do all the talking....haha."**

ANALYSIS:

With so many Pro Bowl selections on San Fran's defense (four of them to be exact), Whitner sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. However, that hit he put on Pierre Thomas last week — the one where Thomas went limp and fumbled the ball — might have Giants receivers thinking twice about crossing paths with him.



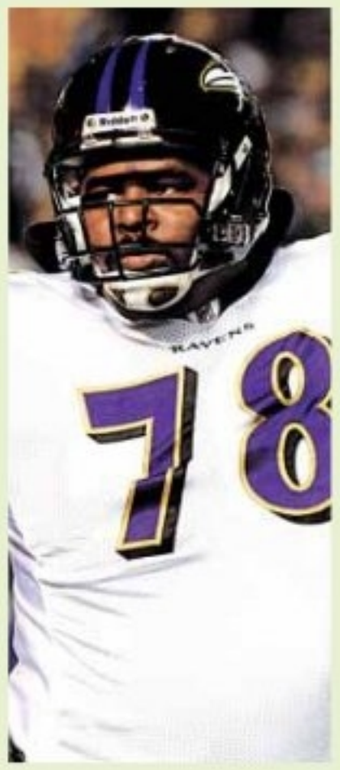
Aldon Smith



LINEBACKER, 49ERS
The seventh overall pick in the NFL draft has lived up to the hype. Drawing comparisons to Dallas' DeMarcus Ware, Smith set the 49ers record for most sacks in a season (14) and fell half a sack short of the all-time rookie record.

Smith is viewed by many as a situational pass-rusher. He was on the field for less than 50 percent of the 49ers' defensive plays and notched 13 of his 14 sacks against (think Giants here) three wide-receiver sets.

Bryant McKinnie



LEFT TACKLE, RAVENS
He was left for dead after a weight problem and a penchant for skipping practices — McKinnie was kicked off the 2010 Pro Bowl team for missing meetings — forced him out of Minnesota.

But McKinnie has slimmed down (officially listed at a svelte 360 pounds) and looks like the Pro Bowl tackle he once was, now protecting Ravens QB Joe Flacco's blind side.

Ironic since McKinnie's success helped move "The Blind Side" star Michael Oher to right tackle.

Aaron Hernandez

TIGHT END, PATRIOTS
While fellow stud tight end Rob Gronkowski gets all the headlines (and records), Hernandez might be the bigger threat overall.

The 6-foot-1, 245-pounder is fleet (4.6 40 time) and can line up at four different positions, including tight end, blocking fullback, slot receiver and wide receiver.

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Percentage of plays that New England has used multiple-TE formations over the past two seasons, which is the most in the NFL.

Lardarius Webb

CORNERBACK, RAVENS
We all know how disruptive safety Ed Reed (he had one pick last week and dropped two more) can be, but Webb has developed into one of the better corners.

"Sometimes I'm mad and I want to curse him out. But it all pays off during the week," Webb said of Reed.

He recorded five interceptions in the regular season and has two already this postseason, both while blanketing Houston stud receiver Andre Johnson last week.

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▶ Brady hasn't won a Super Bowl since beating the Eagles in '05.

The immortals

◗ Lewis, Brady, Reed are all-time greats ◗ Could be trio's final crack at Lombardi Trophy ◗ One more Super Bowl ring would cement legacies

It's been 11 years now for 36-year-old Ray Lewis.

To add some context, many Baltimore fans that were in elementary school when the Ravens won their first and only Lombardi Trophy are now graduating college or are firmly part of the greater D.C. work force.

It's been seven years for 34-year-old Tom Brady.

To add some context, no one had yet heard of the term SpyGate (Eagles fans surely remember that, right?) and Gisele Bundchen was just some unattainable supermodel that most football followers had never heard of.

Ed Reed, 33, will go down as one of, if not the, finest safety to ever play in the league. But he is ringless.

Lewis, Brady and Reed are three of the greatest players to ever play their respective positions but a win this Sunday and another one in two weeks would end a lot of debates.

The three players will also be competing against the ghosts of playoffs past and the elite in NFL history this Sunday (3 p.m., CBS). All three are certainly aware of the stakes and that this opportunity won't be there in, say, 2015 or '16.

"It's kind of hard to think about Father Time," Lewis said. "I don't have time to think about when it's over to do this or when it's time to do that. When it's over, it's over. Everybody here has to appreciate that great warriors fight until the end. Those are the ones you remember."

Brady, in his Belichickian podiumspeak, had this to say:

"This is nothing about last week or last season or last month or 10 years ago," Brady told WEEI sports radio. "It's about this week. The clock's ticking. And every second that goes by, we're one second closer to getting to that game."

Perhaps Reed said it most succinct:

"I'm getting old," Reed told Sports Illustrated this week. "I understand it. One day it won't be me up here. It'll be another safety in Baltimore."

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Still kickin'

Despite being in their mid-30s, Ray Lewis, Tom Brady and Ed Reed each had superb 2011 seasons:

- **Ray Lewis** still managed to post 95 tackles in 2011 despite missing four games due to a toe injury.
- **Tom Brady** was the NFL MVP in 2010 but put up even better numbers in 2011. Brady passed for 5,235 yards and 39 TDs this past year.
- **Ed Reed** set the tone for the Ravens' 2011 season with two interceptions against Pittsburgh on opening day.

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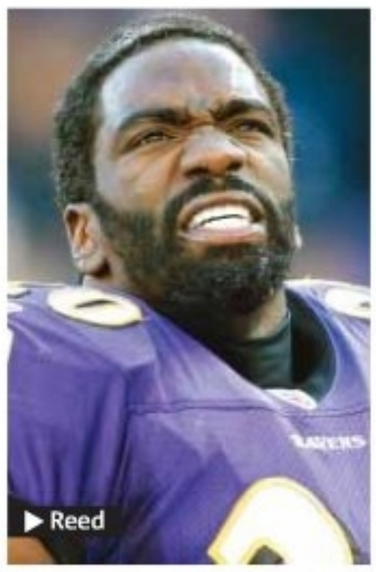
▶ This just may be the last go 'round for Ray Lewis.



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Isles outplay, outwork Flyers in role reversal

Orange and Black fall 4-1 at home Bobrovsky stops 23 in first career loss to NY Islanders Try to recover in back-to-back games this weekend

While these certainly aren't your father's Islanders — a franchise that ruled the NHL in the early 1980s by winning four consecutive Cups — they are clearly no longer the league's 98-pound weakling team.

The Flyers learned that the hard way Thursday, as the Isles outplayed them and outworked them from the start at both ends in a 4-1 win.

Matt Moulson, after having a first-period goal disallowed for kicking the puck into the net, made no mistake early in the second to break a 0-0 tie. Then, after Sergei Bobrovsky stood tall against an array of breakaways, Josh Bailey made it 2-0 on a short-handed breakaway late in the second.

"I don't think the first two periods we supported each other very well," said Flyers coach Peter Laviolette. "We left one man to try to figure it out. This game we needed to be better. We talked before the game that this team had beaten the Red Wings and was playing better. It's unacceptable. It wasn't good enough."

But don't blame Bobrovsky, as the Flyers backup netminder continued to stake his claim for No. 1. Bob put on a spectacular performance, including stops on three clean breakaways and others to keep his team in the game

Down 2-0 late in the second, after Bailey backhanded one over Bobrovksy, the Flyers' frustration boiled over when Claude Giroux got into it with Dylan Reese, his first fight of the season.

Giroux returned just in time for another power play early in the third, but the Flyers couldn't get it by Evgeni Nabokov, a goaltender they considered signing in 2010.

Instead, it was the Islanders connecting with the man advantage. Mark Streit drilled one that ricocheted off Bobrovsky's right shoulder into the net to make it 3-0.

The Flyers finally got on the board thanks to Matt Read's deflection at 10:48, then proceeded to swarm Nabokov in the final nine minutes. Michael Grabner scored into an empty net with one second left.

"On home ice, to play the first two periods the way we did was unacceptable," Read said. "We shouldn't be happy with this. We have to learn from it."

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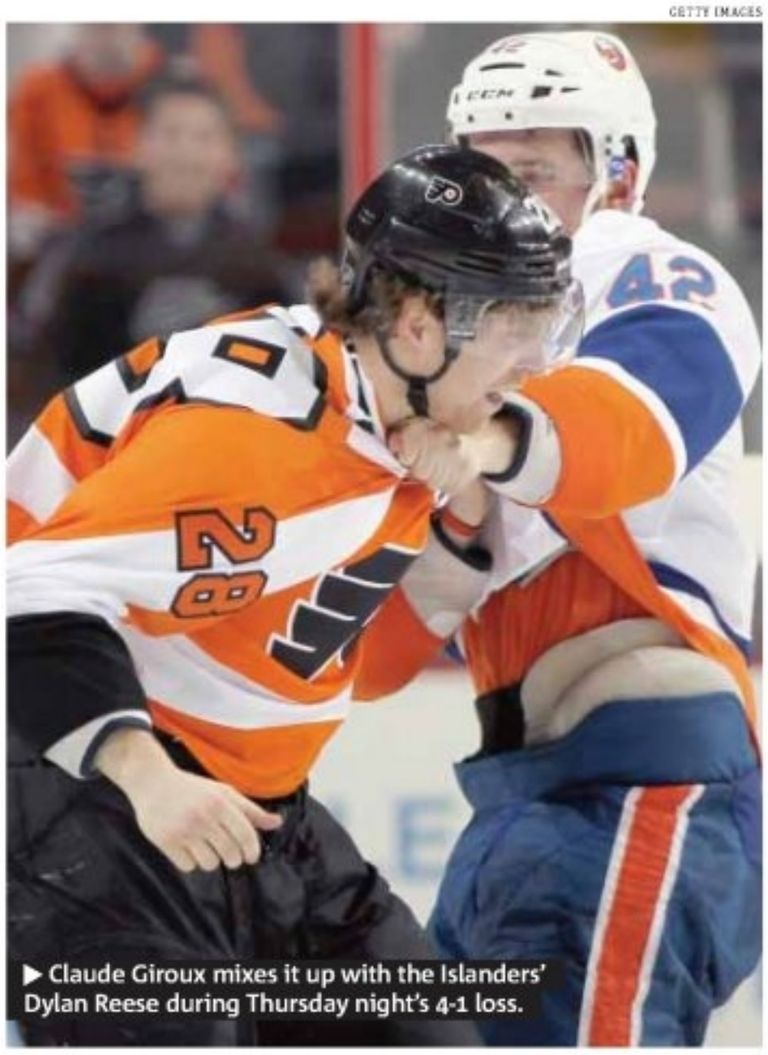

▶ Claude Giroux mixes it up with the Islanders' Dylan Reese during Thursday night's 4-1 loss.

What went wrong ...

1 All good things. Not since April 7, 2007, had the Islanders won in this building, and it was the Isles' fifth straight win over the Orange and Black that season. Braydon Coburn was the only player for either team left from that game. Since then the Flyers had won 23 of the last 24, including 16 straight in Philadelphia.

2 What about Bob? Sergei Borovsky came into this one never having lost to the Islanders in seven starts, while compiling a 1.86 goals against average. He certainly did his part again in this one, stopping 23 shots, including three breakaways and several others from point-blank range. But the Flyers' offense couldn't crack Evgeni Nabokov until it was too late.

3 Only a matter of time. Not only were the Flyers ineffective on the power play — they finished 0-for-4 — but they were constantly victimized by the Islanders springing players free on short-handed breakaways. After Bobrovsky held the fort on Michael Grabner and John Tavares, Josh Bailey finally made him pay and gave the Isles some needed insurance.

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